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## Office Action Summary

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BANIK ET AL.

Examiner

Tu X Nguyen

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9 and 11-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3 and 10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9 and 11-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

**Examiner comments**

1. Claims 3 and 10 have been cancelled.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8-9, 11, 13, 15-17 and 19, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Basu et al. (US Patent 6,219,539) and further in view of McDonald et al. (US Patent 6,122,271).

Regarding to claims 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16, Basu et al. disclose for use in communicating data over a voice channel (see col.9 lines 15-33) between a transmitter (103) and a receiver (109), wherein said transmitter is associated with a base station of a cordless telephone and said receiver is associated with a handset of said cordless telephone.

McDonald et al. fail to disclose a silence detector, coupled to said transmitter that identifies a pause in voice traffic that is to be transmitted over said voice channel and generates an interjection signal during said pause; and a data injector, coupled to said

silence detector, that receives said interjection signal and responds by causing said transmitter to transmit data to said receiver.

McDonald et al. disclose a silence detector (see col.3 lines 37-38), coupled to said transmitter (32, fig.1), that identifies a pause in voice traffic that is to be transmitted over said voice channel and generates an interjection signal during said pause (see col.3 lines 58-67); and a data injector (24-31, fig.1), coupled to said silence detector, that receives said interjection signal and responds by causing said transmitter to transmit data to said receiver (see col.4 lines 1-15). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of McDonald with the above teaching of Basu et al. in order to provide voice and data messages communication between devices without using a dedicated frequency or a dedicated time slot.

Regarding to claims 6, 13 and 19, the modified Basu et al. disclose said transmitter transmits said voice traffic in frames (see MacDonald, col.4 lines 55-65).

Regarding to claims 4, 11 and 17, the modified Basu et al. disclose said data comprises caller identification data (see Basu, col.5 lines 50-65).

4. Claims 5, 12 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Basu et al., in view of McDonald et al. and further in view of Bottum (US Patent 6,014,569).

Regarding to claims 5, 12 and 18, the modified Basu et al. fail to disclose said data comprises menu item selection data.

Bottum discloses said data comprises menu item selection data (see col.7 lines 5-20). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of the modified Basu et al. with the above teaching of Bottum in order provide data menu containing information necessary to construct a menu is received by a receiver which could be modified and updated between transmitter and receiver.

5. Claims 7, 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(e) as being unpatentable over Basu et al., in view of McDonald et al. and further in view of Sumner (US Patent 6,041,227).

Regarding to claims 7, 14 and 20, McDonald et al. fails to disclose said silence detector identifies said pause by comparing a peak energy of said voice traffic to a noise floor reference.

Sumner disclose said silence detector (see col.2 lines 1-4) identifies said pause by comparing a peak energy of said voice traffic to a noise floor reference (see col.6 lines 6-12). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of McDonald et al. with the above teaching of Summer in order to predict periods of silent more accurately.

#### ***Response to Amendment***

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 8 and 15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

**Conclusion**

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-3427. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian Chin, can be reached at (703) 308-6739.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office at (703) 306-0377.

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